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In the Matter of the Application of:

Buck et al.

Serial No.: 09/920,702

Filed: August 2, 2001

For: Protective Device in a Connector

Arrangement for Optical Fibers

Examiner: Unknown Group Art Unit: Unknown

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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Abandonment dated December 17, 2003, advising that the above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (hereinafter "Notice") mailed on October 4, 2001.

Applicants hereby petition for revival of the application.

Applicants submitted a reply to the Notice on January 4, 2002. Copies of the documents submitted in the reply are attached hereto. They are as follows:

1) Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, dated October 4, 2001 (2 pages);

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App. No. 09/920,702  
Docket No. 40983 US

2) Response: Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, dated January 4, 2002 (1 page);

3) Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), dated January 4, 2002 (1 page);

4) Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application (12 pages).

5) Cover of certified copy of priority document (1 page).

Also attached is a copy of an Acknowledgement Card having a Patent Office date-stamp of January 18, 2002, which indicates that the Patent Office did in fact receive the documents.

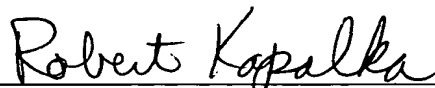
It appears that applicants overlooked the requirement in the Notice for submission of substitute drawings. A set of substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 is submitted herewith.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m) in the amount of \$1,330.00 to Deposit Account No. 23-1950.

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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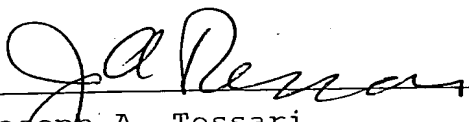
It is respectfully requested that a one (1) month Extension of Time be granted to reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of the Application", dated October 4, 2001, in the above identified application. The copy and Declaration being submitted herewith.

Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1950.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Prioritätsbescheinigung über die Einreichung einer Patentanmeldung

**Aktenzeichen:** 100 38 685.7

**Anmeldetag:** 8. August 2000

**Anmelder/Inhaber:** Tyco Electronics AMP GmbH, Bensheim/DE

**Bezeichnung:** Schutzvorrichtung in einer Steckverbinderanordnung  
für Lichtleitfasern

**IPC:** G 02 B 6/38

Die angehefteten Stücke sind eine richtige und genaue Wiedergabe der  
ursprünglichen Unterlagen dieser Patentanmeldung.

München, den 30. Juli 2001  
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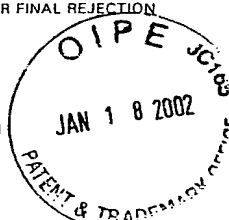
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